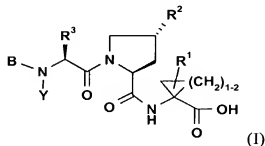


ABSTRACT

Racemates, diastereoisomers and optical isomers of a compound of formula (I):



wherein **B** is H, a C₆ or C₁₀ aryl, C₇₋₁₆ aralkyl; Het or (lower alkyl)-Het, all of which

optionally substituted with C₁₋₆ alkyl; C₁₋₆ alkoxy; C₁₋₆ alkanoyl; hydroxy; hydroxyalkyl; halo; haloalkyl; nitro; cyano; cyanoalkyl; amino optionally substituted with C₁₋₆ alkyl; amido; or (lower alkyl)amide; or

B is an acyl derivative of formula **R₄-C(O)-**; a carboxyl of formula **R₄-O-C(O)-**; an amide of formula **R₄-N(R₅)-C(O)-**; a thioamide of formula **R₄-N(R₅)-C(S)-**; or a sulfonyl of

formula **R₄-SO₂**; **R₅** is H or C₁₋₆ alkyl; and

Y is H or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R³ is C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, or C₄₋₁₀ alkylcycloalkyl, all optionally substituted with hydroxy, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ thioalkyl, amido, (lower alkyl)amido, C₆ or C₁₀ aryl, or C₇₋₁₆ aralkyl;

R₂ is CH₂-**R₂₀**, NH-**R₂₀**, O-**R₂₀** or S-**R₂₀**, wherein **R₂₀** is a saturated or unsaturated C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl or C₄₋₁₀ (alkyl)cycloalkyl, all of which being optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted with **R₂₁**,

or **R₂₀** is a C₆ or C₁₀ aryl or C₇₋₁₄ aralkyl optionally substituted, or **R₂₀** is Het or (lower alkyl)-Het, both optionally substituted, Het or (lower alkyl)-Het; carboxyl; carboxy(lower alkyl); C₆ or C₁₀ aryl, C₇₋₁₄ aralkyl or Het, said aryl, aralkyl or Het being optionally substituted; and

R¹ is H; C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, or C₂₋₆ alkynyl, all optionally substituted with halogen; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.